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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Its early yet when I'm writing this but I must keep going and get the TEC NEWS started. While others are relaxing and resting I'm thinking how many articles I'll receive to put in the next TEC NEWS. If I write a few to fill spaces I'm damed if I do by a few. If I don't do this, I'm still damed by the same few. So I do the best I can and keep going. Most of the members are the best in the world and send me a nice note of appreciation so this makes me keep going. If you find it in your heart, send me that article as we love you all and need your help. Come on folks, you must know an interesting story on some elongated coin.

By the way Bert Somsa won the Literary Award on his first article in TEC NEWS. Bert wrote on the coins he made when the Pope and the President visited Fairbanks, Alaska in May. Thanks Bert.

Other awards presented at our TEC meeting in Detroit on July 29th were the President's Award went to Frank Brazzell. He not only helped me a lot but has helped TEC a lot by donating elongated coins for the TEC table. Believe me this helped more than anyone knows.

Appreciation Awards went to Vance Fowler and Ginnie Aldridge for the help they have given me. Vance Fowler always donated coins for give away and at times he gave enough so all who attended the meeting received at least 8-10 of his coins that he donated. Vance also tried to send an article in for every issue. Ginnie has given much of her time at all meetings and has gone out of her way to help me at the TEC table at the A.N.A. Bourse room. Ray Dillon will also receive an award for the Best Elongated coin exhibit at the A.N.A. convention in Detroit. So congratulation to the lucky award winners.

Business was mush slower this year at the TEC table at the Bourse room. We only got one new member and one paid their dues. So this helped some. Many took a TEC application and hopefully we will hear from them wanting to join us. Every member can help on this as if you hear of someone is interested in elongated coins, get them to join, "The Elongated Collectors. Everyone is welcome to join.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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There was no TEC Board meeting as other than myself, there was no one there to have a meeting with. This is why its important to elect an officer who will and can attend the meetings. You can't hold a meeting if you cant come to conventions. So think about it. If no officers show up there would be no meeting and its important to hold the meetings.

We had a short discussion on nominations as starting in January nominations will be open for all offices. The Secretary and the Treasurer must able to type as lots of things the Secretary must type up. If you don't have the time and to busy to answer letters, don't accept this job as we really need workers and not a dead beat who takes a job in name only. Not all good friends make a good officer.

A treasurer must also keep a good record of all money coming in and going out for every day for each month. Its a must. So think before you accept as can you do the job? Also we need honest hard working people to keep TEC going.

I myself think we had a good TEC meeting even though we didn't have a speaker. Maybe for next year we can get Frank Brazzell to bring his machine to Maryland. If anyone would like to give a program lets hear from you for the 1985 meeting. Think it over.

We did get many of the members to get up and give a short talk on the elongated coins. I know Chester Rogers gave a talk on his State Bird series he has just finished. See his paid ad on this. This is a good buy on this set as you can paint the set which looks good in an exhibit. I know I painted the State Flag set that Dottie Dow made a few years ago. I won over 20 Best of Show on this painted series as I painted them myself. Also a dime set. I think I painted five of these sets.

Frank Brazzell also gave a short talk on different subjects. I think its good to hear what others do. I know I enjoyed all.

I also showed some of my P.N.C. Covers I made as this up-grades our elongated coins from being called junk. All together on my elongated coins I have won over 300 trophies, plaques and ribbons. As a matter when company comes over they ask if this is a trophy store? No, I won all by working hard to make up a nice exhibit, So folks why don't you try?

This year there wasn't a large attendance at the TEC meeting but many were slowly coming in. Yet all who came had a good time. There was two goodie bags passed out as I made up one bag and Frank Brazzell donated an other. So I think everyone received some nice coins. Thanks to all who have donated as all was appreciated by me and hopefully by all.

Even though I haven't felt to good I got plenty of help from many. A kind thank you goes to Ginnie Aldridge for all the help she gave me. With out help I could have never made it. God always sends me an angel to help Oh yes, thanks goes to Ralph Holmes for the help at the TEC table to. He was like a big brother to us as he helped a lot to. I also got my covers cancelled, thanks to Ralph. Thanks to all others who have helped in any other way.

Even though its early, A Happy Thanksgiving to all. Mine won't be to happy this year but I hope each and everyone does have a nice holiday.

If you have any questions or need any help please write to me. I'll help all. What I don't know I'll find out from the ones who know. If you have any good ideas for TEC, lets hear from you as we just may like your ideas. So please write.

I'm writing this with lots of sadness in my heart. I'm trying hard to please all. Its sometimes hard to do at times. Take care for now and you all stay healthy. May god Bless you all.

Sally Kirka TEC President

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Membership dues in THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS  
are \$5.00 per calendar year

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Camera ready - Full page ad \$25.00      ½ page \$15.00      ¼ page \$10.00

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Elongated Collectors annual meeting was held at the A.N.A. Convention at the Weston Hotel in Detroit, Michigan on July 29, 1984.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Sally Kirka. The President started the meeting by introducing the only other officer there Frank Brazzell who is a board member. Then President Sally Kirka asked all the members to introduce themselves and tell all the town and State they came from. President Kirka then introduced the A.N.A. Vice President Florence Schook who is also a TEC member. Everyone gave Mrs. Schook a nice welcome to the meeting.

A motion was made to dispense with reading of the TEC minutes of the 1983 meeting as they were printed in the TEC NEWS.

The treasurers report was read by President Kirka and the motion was made to accept the report as read. New Balance as of August 1, 1984 was \$3175.20 in the bank.

There was no old business at this meeting.

New business was in order. Chester Rogers reported that Ralph Wright had passed away in June. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife who is also a TEC member.

President Sally Kirka asked all members to give a report on new coins or anything for the good of the club.

Chester Rogers told about his State series he had just finished. More on this in his ad on other page. A very beautiful set.

Frank Brazzell told about the mini coins the cost and difficult to roll these mini coins and also to make these tiny engravings. It costs more to make these than even rolled nickels.

Nina Nystrom then asked about the prices on rolling elongated coins and President Sally Kirka referred her to Frank Brazzell and Chester Rogers who are looking for jobs just like this. Chester Rogers passed out pages of pictures of some coins he has made up to date.

President Kirka then spoke on the P.N.C. Covers she had made and hand painted herself. She made these on large envelopes and then shrinks the picture down to go on the regular size envelopes.

Someone asked about how many members we now have in TEC and Sally said we have about 250 TEC members. It goes up and down when dues are due.

Ralph Holmes thanked TEC and Pres. Sally Kirka for sharing the TEC table with her at the bourse room for a couple days. Sally said she was glad to have Ralph there as he helped a lot at the TEC table.

Florence Schook also thanked TEC and gave a nice talk to the members.

Robert Dempsey gave a talk on the 1933 W.F. in Chicago and the difficulties he had in cancelling first day covers by machine. He suggested writing to the Post Office Department for ruling on hand stamping the P.N.C. Covers.

Then Pres. Kirka gave a talk on coming spring elections as we need new working officers who do a good job. The secretary and treasurer have to be bonded. If a member doesn't have the time they shouldn't be an officer. Also we are looking for an Editor. If anyone is interested please write to the President.

Robert Dempsey also showed and talked about a magnifier which magnifies  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times. This is a must for all collectors.

Ray Dillard asked how to preserve the image on the coins. Sally asked Ray to talk to her or write to her and she could help him. Frank also told him about spraying the coins.

Ralph Holmes recommended a second hand I.B.M electric typewriter for the Editor who has had all kind of problems with her third typewriter she had bought with-in a year. Sally said she would look into this as she could use a good one.

Members were asked to go see Ray Dillards exhibit of elongated coins he had at the Cobo Hall at the convention. Cont. on page 5  
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## SECRETARY'S REPORT

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President Kirka then presented the 1984 awards. The Presidents Award of who did the most to help the President in the last year went to Frank Brazzell. Frank also donates many coins to TEC.

The literary award went to Brad Samas for the story on getting his elongated coins ready for the Pope and the President of the United States visit in May on the same day in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Two others who have done a lot and worked for TEC were Vance Fowler and Ginnie Aldridge who received the appreciation awards.

Coin World was at our meeting and took some pictures for a later date to appear in Coin World News.

A motion was made to adjourn and passed at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Ginnie Aldridge, acting Secretary

THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT  
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR USE  
AUGUST 1, 1983 thru JULY 31, 1984

Balance of cash available for use Aug. 1, 1983	
This amount received from past treasurer	\$2,794.76

## INCOME

Dues	\$1,311.00
Sale of badges	405.20
A.N.A. meeting proceeds	177.65
T.E.C. NEWS ads	330.50
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	\$2,224.35

## EXPENSES

Minit Man Printers (printed membership cards)	\$ 14.41
Postmaster, TEC NEWS stamps (4 issues)	388.60
P.I.P. - printing of 4 issues of TEC NEWS	962.19
Bank service charge (printing of check book, etc.)	18.44
TAMS - TEC club dues for 1984	8.00
A.N.A. - TEC club dues for 1984	18.00
Secretarys stamps for dues envelope & ballots	60.00
Membership application for 1983 convention	16.24
Postage for Presidents mail	25.00
A.N.A. table at 1984 convention	40.00
A.N.A. - TEC patron listing for program booklet	15.00
Frank Brazzell for ribbons for TEC badges for 1984 and 1985	63.00
Mr. Trophy & Co. 1983 TEC Awards	107.50
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	\$1843.91

Balance of cash remaining in TEC treasury	\$3175.20
For use and available August 1, 1984	

Respectfully Submitted

Chester Grabowski Treasurer

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 AND ALL FOR FIFTY CENTS

BY LEE MARTIN, N.L.G.  
 BEAUMONT, CALIF.

I have a poem that was popular in my youth . . . at least fifty years ago. It is titled "AND ALL I HAD WAS FIFTY CENTS" and it quotes the poor guy who took his gal to a restaurant when she told him she wasn't hungry or thirsty and then proceeded to order everything on the menu.

It ended with "and all I had was fifty cents." The restaurant employees beat him, tore his cloths and in general made him regret his lone half dollar.

Now another fifty cent is making me pay attention. This time it is the price of an elongated coin and after analyzing all the work that goes into making an elongated coin, I wonder if, and all I charge is fifty cents wouldn't make another good poem.

Not all rollers go through the following steps but I thought I'd make a rough listing of what is involved in the creation of elongated coins. First of all, the idea must be arrived at and that means research. I do visit libraries and scan encyclopedias and nostalgia books. Copies are made of potential data. All artwork must be changed substantially in order to comply with copyright laws. I use the art as a general idea and create my own interpretations.

I must buy the chemicals, which in my case means a trip of seventy miles each way as the chemicals can't be shipped through the mail to me. The chemicals are costly and tend to be affected by the weather, meaning that heat or extreme cold can be a problem.

Advance orders must be placed for dies from our local machinist and the cost is more than we anticipated but because I have purchased diamond wheels, I am able to resurface and use the dies more than once. The resurfacing is time consuming and requires accuracy plus keeping alert to make sure your fingernails aren't being resurfaced also.

Obtaining uncirculated cents is a headache. Living in a small town makes the request for a large amount of cents open to the public "what's he want them for?" If uncirculated Lincolns are not available, I use dark coins and place them into a tumbler which rolls the coins for a week and makes them suitable for putting on imaged or use a chemical process.

Making the dies is fun and very challenging. I find a great variation in techniques occurs if temperatures are high . . . and living in the high desert assures me they will be.

The art work is photographed, converted from a negative to a positive, reduced to size, prints made for our brochure and then placed in contact with a sensitized die. The process is completed finally and the die is cleaned to insure removal of resist which is a tough substance and can affect the rolling if not dissolved.

The coins are coated on one side with a brown solution and on both sides with a clear lacquer. The latter occurs after the coins have been rolled.

The process is made more involved than this summary and it is in the same category as the art field in which etchings have the respect of wealthy collectors. When the small number of elongated coins are finally produced and the die is resurfaced, those who own a coin truly have a miniature work of art. While the coins themselves are not etchings, they reflect the etched die and because they are often commemoratives in the truest sense of that term and they are U.S. coins, the elongated coins merit attention from collectors in every phase of numismatics.

Those who appreciate low mintages, the hobbyist who wants a genuine piece of art work, the topical collector who limits his involvement to a single subject or two and certainly the fan who wants to expand a hobby other than coin collecting all are obvious prospects for elongateds. The question is "HOW DO WE TELL THEM ABOUT OUR HOBBY?"

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 AND ALL FOR FIFTY CENTS

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The September Coinage Magazine features my column in which I describe the wonderful world of the elongated coins. Other articles will be written in additional publications and in that manner I hope to expand the collecting area. After all, the coins costs "ONLY FIFTY CENTS."

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"TO SEE. OR NOT TO SEE"

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.  
 SALEM, OR.

Those of us that have all our senses often do not realize how fortunate we really are until we lose one or more of them. We can smell, see, feel, taste and hear, so we take them all for granted.

Then all of a sudden one of these senses is taken from us. Maybe only temporarily but it is gone. That is when we stop to think how valuable they are. Take the time you woke up one morning and couldn't hear a thing. It really scared you a little, didn't it? When the Doctor finished looking you over he told you it was just an inner ear infection and that with treatment you would be okay. All those everyday noises seemed very nice when you started hearing again.

Then suppose you received the news that you were going blind and that it was irreversible. Just think of all the things that you could have seen and didn't. All the things that you were going to miss. How depressing not to see the spring flowers, the glint of the sun on the water, the beauty of the colors of the foliage in the fall and the wonderful landscape after a soft snowfall. You would miss the wonder on the face of that little child when shown the animals at the zoo. I could go on and on, but the thought occurred to me that there are many that have never been able to see some of the wonderful things WE have seen.

One being the elongated coins we have in our collections. They have never seen the work someone has done in changing an ordinary coin into a work of art. Some of them can read through a system called "Braille" so I had a die made with the word "LOVE" on it in Braille. Just for those that can't see the coins. I can tell you that working up to this point made me appreciate those five senses that have been giving me a lot more. Think about it!

Anyone interested in a "LOVE" coin in Braille on a cent can have one for sending me a S.A.S.E. and 25¢. Send to Roy S. Fowler, Sr., 4048 Pent-ticton Circle, N.E., Salem, OR. 97305.

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 THANKS FOR THE ELONGATED COINS.

BY HAROLD SNYDER  
 KALAMAZOO, MI

I have enjoyed reading the TEC NEWS since I have been a TEC member since 1966 and have always enjoyed all the articles. I find them very interesting and informative.

Yet I have never seen anyone mention anything about the free nice elongated coins that have been enclosed with each issue of the TEC NEWS for the past several years. I think we should all show our appreciation and give thanks to the many rollers who donate these elongated coins to all of us.

Some of these elongated coins are some of the most beautiful elongated coins that are made. I also find they are also some of the scarcest elongated coins as I have never seen any of them listed in any of the price lists that I have seen. In other words they just could be a very limited issue. They are a worthy addition to anyones collection. So I thank each and everyone who has ever donated any elongated coins to be given out with our TEC NEWS.

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 NOTES OF INTEREST  
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Jack W. Gladfelter, 35 Church Street, Seven Valleys, Pa 17360 has cut three of his fingers very badly on a rip saw or a table saw. He had to stay in the hospital for awhile, while they sewed them up. I felt very bad on hearing this sad news. I can almost feel his pain. Hopefully when you read this his hand will be healed. Our prayer goes to you Jack, on a speedy recovery. Anyone wishing to send Jack a get well card, why not do so. A card or two helps you get well faster.

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 Please, when you become a new member give us your own name so you wont miss out on the TEC NEWS. Do not give us a company name as it will be returned to us. Also let us know if you live on a Street, Drive, Ave., or whatever. As in some cities the name could be all three in that town. Like here I live on Oak Street, yet we have an Oak Grove, Oak Place, and an Oak Court. We are now looking for the person who only gave this address. "The Attic", 1200 No. Rock, Sparks, Nevada, 89431. This Tec NEWS was returned to us saying, "not deliverable as addressed and unable to forward. So now this person will not get his TEC NEWS and we don't know what to do next, as he or she didn't give us any-more information. So please give us your correct name and address so we can send you the TEC NEWS. Help! help! on this as we will appreciate this very much. If anyone knows this person's address, please write to me at once.

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 Barbara Izzo was the first to send me some elongated coins to put in the give away baggies at the TEC meeting. So my thanks go to you for being the first to donate coins for this. Its really appreciated by me. As of this writing no one else did yet.

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 The second to send in coins was a new member Art Tuberman. So again thank you Art for being so helpful. We need more people like you. Art also donated 11 Havasu London Bridge Commemorative Dollars to use in some way or for a TEC auction. I may hold this for another time as we did not get anything else for an auction as of this writing. If we get more for an auction we will auction this off. All money from auction goes into the TEC treasury. The set is really beautiful. All the medals were designed, by Art and he also produced this series. If your interested in this set write to Art Tuberman, P.O. Box 549, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. He will give you the price of all. A real nice set. The elongated coin has the London Bridge on it to. No price given on this.

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 Many of our members have been writing in and asking for the address of Coin World and Numismatic News. I will gladly give you their address and its a must to get these newspapers if your interested in Numismatic in any way. They give out all the latest news on all numismatic information. Also lots of good ads so you can buy what ever you collect. You will like them both so much I know you will keep on renewing them both, year after year. Here is their address.

Coin World  
 911 Vandemark Road  
 Sidney, Ohio 45367

Numismatic News  
 700 E. State Street  
 Iola, WI 54990

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 Vance Fowler gave most of the coins that were given out in the goodie bags at the TEC meeting. I also received some coins from Claud Watt and Ginnie Aldridge. All the coins I received in time were given out at the TEC meeting. Frank Brazzell gave most all coins given out at the TEC table. Chester Rogers also gave along with Brad Ream. If I forgot anyone please forgive me as I don't mean to. All was appreciate by me. My thanks goes to all you kind people for helping TEC. God Bless You All.

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 GETTING COVERS CANCELLED IS A JOB

 BY SALLY KIRKA N.L.G.  
 MANCHESTER, CONN.

Each winter I try to make some covers for the next year. So I try to think up some good ideas that will be nice and will sell. I also try to make an elongated coin to go with each cover I make.

So all winter long when the snow is deep and cold outside you have to stay in, it's a good time to do all this. That is if you have the time. I try to find the time for this if I can. As I like to design my dies I draw my idea large. Then when the picture is done I shrink the picture down to fit on a smaller envelope. I used to make all my envelopes by hand but now I make one and the printer prints more.

You can work your head off making beautiful covers, but getting them cancelled the right way is another story. If you're lucky to get a postal-clerk who will do a nice job on cancelling them carefully, then you have to fight to keep the people standing around you from keeping their hands off your freshly cancelled covers. At times this can be very funny. Also you can cry at times.

I know in Detroit I maybe had ten different covers to cancel. Believe me I really had to ward off many people from grabbing my covers. I worked long hours hand painting them and it takes just one second to have someone grab the cover and smudge the cover. As believe me it's not worth a dime after they smudge the wet ink all over.

I needed boxing gloves in Detroit to keep some from touching my covers. Each one only wanted to see them but wanted to hold it. It was like a fight for my life. Even if I asked them politely, "please don't touch them." Some I asked two or three times. After, I got mad and told one person I'd break their arm off. One person still almost demanded they wanted to only see my covers. I had to tell them I'd holler police if they kept it up. The postal-clerks were on my side but like I said, it was a fight for my life. I really didn't think my covers were that good.

Even a little girl eating and dripping soda all around came over and boy I had to watch her. I finally had to tell her to scram as I spent too much time making them to lose one so quickly with drips of coke on the envelopes. She was a messy eater too.

I even had some flat wooden postcards made with one of my Detroit coins on it cancelled. The postal-clerk was nice and used a special ink pad to cancel my wood. Only I told him to use a little printers ink on the pad so when you cancel on the wood it won't wear. I was lucky as the postal-clerk tried hard to do a good job.

I also made a souvenir wooden sheet for another club the size 11"x8½" large. I had on this the Detroit Broken Bank Note. Then I had the name of the club. I also left a space to put an elongated coin on this and also space to be cancelled. I think I made the only wooden Broken Bank Note sheets so far. I made the first one about four years ago. No matter what I make, an elongated coin goes with it. The elongated coins come first with me. All this will be in the book I'm writing about the elongated coins and things I've made so far. So when I make something it's sure to have an elongated coin to go with it. I really enjoy the hobby of the elongated coins.

By the way I'm already started on my Christmas covers and for my P.N.C. Covers for Maryland for 1985. I wish more of the TEC members would get interested in making covers with elongated coins in them. Give it a try folks as you may just find out you can do it too. Feel free to ask questions if you want to. I will do my best to do a good job in helping you.

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 HOW TO TRAVEL AROUND THE U.S.A.

 BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.  
 SALEM, OR.

"How to travel across these United States, without leaving your easy chair." Of course you can watch Travelogues on T.V. Or you can relive some of your trips by looking at your photo albums. Or you can look at magazines, or travel brochures. Or you can do something that very few others can do. You can dig out your elongated coin collection and spend hours traveling and reliving some of your more treasured moments.

You can visit some of the places you have always wanted to see, without moving from your own room. It is especially nice to do this when the weather is too hot, or too cold, or too wet to venture out. You can visit Niagara Falls in New York, or Multnomah Falls in Oregon, or the Seven Sacred Pools in Hawaii. Possibly you would rather watch the Space Shuttle take off from Florida. Or see the original Seaplane that Boeing built in their Museum in Seattle, Washington. Or see the "Quickie" zoom in to the Flyin at Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Or maybe you would like to visit one of the World's Fairs. Like the one in Seattle, Washington or the one in New York, or in New Orleans, or maybe go back in time even farther and visit the huge one in Chicago, Illinois in 1933. You can go back even farther than that and visit the Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. You could spend a whole vacation visiting Fairs, Expos, Exhibitions, or Shows. They were and still are being held all over the country.

If money really interests you, you can see an example of most of the coins minted in the U.S. right there in your easy chair.

You can see some of the more famous art works. Statues that are world famous, like the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor, or the larger work in the Black Hills of South Dakota at Mt. Rushmore. Like animals. You can visit Zoos almost anywhere in the U.S. Or see them in their natural habitat like the sea lions in Oregon or the Killer Whales in Washington, or Frogs, or Bald Eagles, or even Unicorns and Pegasus.

If you are into "old" things, there are old cars, old bridges, old ships old tractors, and old this or that. It is very difficult to name something that HASN'T been put on an elongated coin. Yet, how long has it been since you have looked at your collection with the thought of really enjoying it?

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FREE; To all members. Yes, free. Anyone sending me a S.A.S.E. will receive one of my 600 HP Jetboat elongated coin. It is an elongated coin made for the 1984 West Salem Waterfront Festival. It is a nice coin but I made more than enough. It will be on a list later, but for now it is yours for a S.A.S.E. Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E., Salem, OR. 97305.

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FOR SALE; By Frank G. Spadone, 701 Trotting Road, Union, New Jersey, 07083. Frank has a very nice coin on the Freehold Race Track for sale. They are 75¢ each, or 3 for \$2.00 plus S.A.S.E. See article on this coin on another page. The coin is very nice and his is the first I've seen like this.

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FOR SALE; By Roy S. Fowler Sr., 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E., Salem, Or. 97305. Roy has a rolling machine for sale. He has made other arrangements so he is selling his machine which is beautifully Chrome hand operated show machine. It attracts attention no matter where it is. It is a quick change type and will hold three dies at one time. He will include one completed die and two blanks for anyone interested. It isn't cheap, but it paid for itself the first year I had it. If interested please write to Roy S. Fowler, Sr. 4048 Pentiction Circle N.E. Salem, OR. 97305.

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 BUY - SELL - TRADE
 

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WANTED; By Harold Snyder, 9070 Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004. Mr. Snyder wrote that he wants to buy, ILLCHI #13, ILL-CHI #14, ILL-CHI #18, ILL-CHI #19. Mr Snyder mentioned in his letter that these are rerolls.. Anyone having these coins for sale, please write to the above address.

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FOR SALE; By Frank Brazzell, 2224 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute, IN. 47807. Frank has a Space Shuttle Series Elongated cents, 11 different for sale. Special \$5.00 for complete set or take choice of 1st launch at 50¢ each. He pays postage.

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FOR SALE; By Mark Wright, 2020 Royal St., New Orleans, LA 70116. Mark has three different Worlds Fair coins of New Orleans and they are \$1.00 each, or six for \$5.00 plus S.A.S.E. The other three coins are from various other dies. I didn't get samples so cant give any other information but it does sound like a good deal.

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FOR SALE; By Ginnie S. Aldridge, 515 Pinehurst Ave., Colonial Heights, VA 23834. Ginnie has a cute elongated coin and token made for Detroit and A.N.A. Convention, at 75¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. If ordering just one, will you please say which one you want, the cent or the parking token. Believe me after seeing both the elongated penny and token, I'd say to order both as both well worth the money. I'm real pleased with both. It has a Ford car on the coin.

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FOR SALE; By Bert Somsa, 611 Cowles St., Fairbanks, Alaska 99701. Bert has two new elongated coins rolled on copper pennies made for the Golden Days in Alaska which sell at \$2.00 each. Only a limit of these are rolled. Also he rolled only 25 on 1959 silver dimes which will sell at \$25.00 while they last, The die will be destroyed. By October they could be all gone so write to Bert for more information. Don't forget that stamped envelope when writing to anyone about coins if you want an answer.

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FOR SALE; By Chester Rogers, P.O. box 553, Leachville, Ark 72438. Chester said, he has finished his State Flower series and they sell for 50¢ each, plus S.A.S.E. The gold plated pennies sell for a \$1.00 each, plus S.A.S.E. Its a beautiful 50 State series and if you don't buy this set you are missing out on a beautiful set. Looks nice painted.

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FOR SALE; By Doug Fairbanks Sr., 5937 Beadle Drive, Jamesville, New York Doug has 100, all different elongated cents for \$22.00 postpaid and 500-1000 all different at 15¢ each, plus postage.

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FOR SALE; By Art Tuberman, P.O. Box 549, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403. Art has an elongated coin made on the Londin Bridge that is in Arizona. They are 50¢ each plus S.A.S.E. Art also made a set of the Havasu, London Bridge Commemorative Dollars. For more information write to him on this.

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Free; By Williges, P.O. Box 445, Wheatland, Calif. 95692. This man has a free, personal token honoring the 1984 Olympic games. Good for 50¢ in trade. He also has his next three exenumic fixed price lists.

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If you have something for this page, Please send it right in. We need it.

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## 50 STATES FLOWERS

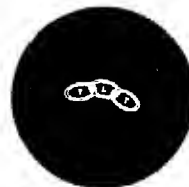
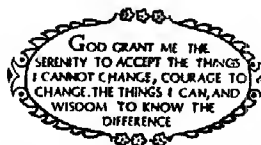
BY CHESTER M. ROGERS  
LEACHVILLE, ARK.

In 1982 our Postal Service came out with the 50 States flowers and Bird series, so when I came across a 50 States coloring book with the pictures of the Birds and Flowers of every State I decided to make the series. I have just finished this series. It was a long and hard job and tied up 13 blank dies, lots of art work and research.

The most popular bird is the handsome and distinctive cardinal, seven States have adopted it, the western meadowlark six states and the mockingbird is the choice of five States. Indiana has had four State flowers, Tennessee had two at the same time but most States stuck to their initial choices. One States bird will not be found in any bird book, Delaware's Blue Hen Chicken. In the coloring book I found three mis-spelled names named for the birds so had to get back on the fifty States birds and flowers from the postal service. I believe its the only series that have the birds and flowers of each state.

I have rolled 65 of each State, 15 of these I had Gold Plated and will have ten sets for sale at \$50. a set. Five of these sets are already sold plus I will roll 15 sets on the steel pennies (1943) also there will be ten sets for sale at \$50. per set.

The regular elongated coins on a 1984 zinc penny or copper penny (1982) are 50¢ each of any State, plus S.A.S.E. This is a very good series for all of you that paint, especially with the birds and flowers, I have tried a couple already and they came out real nice. See my ad below.



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MANY THANKS TO THE EDITOR

BY LEE J. LISKA  
SUN CITY CENTER, FLA.

Many thanks to TEC and their official news publication, the TEC NEWS. It is nice and easy for me to say that. When I receive the TEC NEWS I sit right down and read it. A special thanks go to all of you who have a hand in getting this publication together. The articles that some send in are really something to read and enjoy.

I had been an active coin collector for many years but through out the many years, coins were becoming more and more expensive. Buying coins through the mail were not always the best of coins sent. To upgrade a collection meant a great increase in prices and to many times the prices were beyond the reach of the average collector.

While searching through a box of old coins I came upon some elongated coins my Dad gave me years ago. There were some from the Columbian Expo, a few from the St. Louis Expo and many other very nice pieces.

After gathering them all together I put them each in 2x2 holders, put them into the plastic pocket pages and then into a binder. That was my start as an elongated coin collector. Later I read where Dottie Dow had a book for sale showing many more elongated coins. I bought the book and soon after that I joined TEC. From that time on I was an avid elongated coin collector.

Little by little I began to enlarge my elongated coin collection by attending the various coin shows in and around Chicago. I would **always** ask the dealers for any and all elongated coins from the earlier years that I could find.

Since I am now retired and taking care of my invalid wife I welcomed every opportunity when I can relax for a moment. I take that time to sit down at my desk with my elongated coins before me and just look them all over. I find them all very interesting and a very nice hobby.

Before I retired my Doctor told me to find something interesting to do and relax and take it easy. I have found just that in my elongated coin hobby. To me this is the perfect hobby for the young and old, or people like me who have to relax and enjoy myself. The perfect hobby is the Elongated Collectors coin collecting hobby.

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NOTES OF INTEREST

If you ordered a 1984 TEC badge, please write and send in your \$5. to me to receive your badge. As of now only those that have ordered a badge will get one. If after February 1st you didn't order one they will be sold to anyone wanting one after that date. Make out your check to TEC as the money goes into the TEC treasury. The earlier you send for the 1984 TEC badge the better.

All those wanting a 1985 TEC badge must order one now so please write to me at once. This is getting to be a lost cause. This is the only way TEC makes extra money for the club. If we don't have more people order one, then we will forget this for 1985. So let's support TEC and order a 1985 TEC badge. The badges will all become a good collectors item some day as not many have a full set of all these badges. Most have the state of where we were holding our meetings at the A.N.A. convention. So come on folks order that badge now.

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Hurry up and get well Lee Martin as we all hope your feeling better now. Don't stay sick but get well quick. Your too nice of a person to be down. I hope when this reaches you, you will be feeling much better. God Bless you.

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**"ANTIQUE POWERLANDS" ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

BY ROY S. FOWLER SR.  
SALEM, OR.

I'm very fortunate, I live just eight miles from one of the oldest Antique Powerland Fairs in the country. Yet it took me umpteen years to find it. If you haven't taken in one of these Antique Farm Fairs, you are missing some very interesting events.

I'm sure there are some reading this that have visited (or worked with) some of those old machines. It is an eye opener to see a machine as large as some train engines puffing along a load that staggers the imagination. Some of them are rated 30 horsepower or less and they look like they are hardly working at all. Steam has an awesome power. There were almost as many manufacturers of farm equipment as there were automobile makers. Some even went as far as to be steered like the horses were. They actually had chains fastened to the front wheel carriages and when they were pulled it made the machine turn. I'm a city boy and it is rather difficult for me to describe what I have seen at the shows. I would like to suggest that you look around and find one Antique Power Show in your area and take it in.

There is a huge one held each year in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. I mean huge! They even have free entertainment using people like the Gatlin Brothers, Bobby Goldsboro and the like. I haven't been lucky enough to be around when it was being held which is around the first week in September, but I sure would like to. It is called Midwest Old Settlers and Threshers. I have received information on several others being held in other parts of the country. So look around, as you won't regret it.

In my list of dies, I now have three antique tractors and one 1919 12 HP Gas Engine. The tractors are from a 1910 Cass Steam Tractor to a 1927 John Deere. They have been lovingly restored to look just like new. I find it is fun to talk to some of these old-timers that come to see the machine that they might have run in their younger years. It seemed to me that they worked almost as hard harvesting with some of that equipment as they did when they used horses. (Just kidding, of course.) Unless we have been around equipment like these we have no idea how they looked or worked. I've seen a flywheel on a piece of equipment run by steam that is 33" wide and 18' high. Now that is a whopper! It once ran an entire planing mill. I would like to see the belt that ran off it. Take in one of these shows, it will be well worth the effort.

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## COINS DONATED

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The elongated coins donated for the October issue of the TEC NEWS were donated by Frank Brazzell. These coins will be given out while they last and then we will give out the coins that we have. We don't always have as many as we need so we try to do the best we can. Yet all will be given. Thank you Mr. Brazzell for remembering us as your coins are appreciated.

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If you have any elongated coins to put in on the page for BUY-SELL and Trade, please send it right in. If I don't get more members to write in we will do away with this page, so it's up to you. I never thought it was so hard to get anyone to write in about the coins they have for sale. So folks let's hear from you if you have a coin for sale. There are many of our members that may want the elongated coin you may have for sale. Deadline for articles and ads is Nov. 15, 1984. Send at once if you can.

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## PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES

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"OLD SANTA"

BY JOHN G. SPADONE  
MIAMI, FLORIDA

Christmas 1984 will be upon us soon and the rollers of elongated coins will be thinking of some new Santa's and Christmas issues. What do we have on Christmas elongated coins? Checking the Martin-Dow book on page 198, there its mentioned #7 "Christmas 1893" its not a genuine 1893 issue. Therefore #5 on the same page "A Merry Xmas, 1911 with bust of old Santa is probably the oldest Santa elongated coin. I would like to hear from anyone with more information on this.

What do we know about Santa Claus goes back to the 4th century. It started with Saint Nickolas a Bishop of Myra, Asia who was famous throughout Europe for giving gifts to the poor.

It then became a custom for him to visit families with gifts to rewarding good children on December th (known as St. Nickolas Eve.) The custom was later brought to Manhattan by the Dutch Settlers.

Gradually St. Nickolas visits became associated with Christmas Eve and his name also was changed from the old Dutch "Sinter Klass" to Santa Claus.

Clement Moore wrote a Christmas poem back in 1822 for his children to enjoy. It was called, "A visit from St. Nickolas," and now better known, as "T'was The Night Before Christmas."

Later more elements were added, Christmas on the 25th, Reindeer, Santa's red suit, his home at the North Pole and etc.

Not only does Santa have a home at the North Pole but there is now a place called Christmas, Florida. The town has a population of around 250 people. Letters are sent there for the postmark, Christmas, Florida and mailed around the world.

Lets hear from some of the people that had Christmas elongated coins made and see how many do we have.

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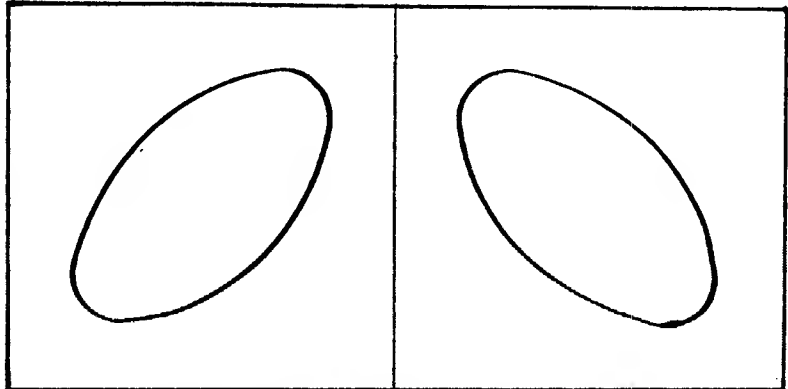
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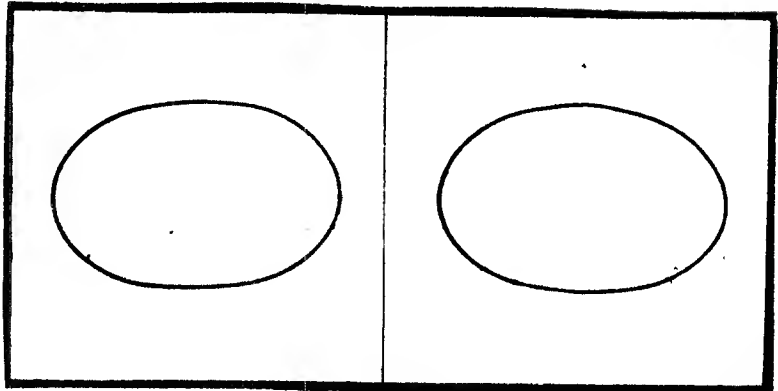
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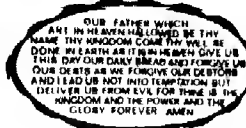
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